

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 16 as follows.

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1. (currently amended) A display unit,  
suitable for a vehicle, comprising:

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a dial assembly and a display located in  
a region of the dial assembly, the display comprising a liquid  
crystal screen with a front polarizing filter located on a front  
surface of the liquid crystal screen facing an observer, the dial  
assembly comprising a dial plate having an optical waveguide  
covered with a film with dial markings located on a front surface  
of the dial plate facing the observer, wherein

the front surface of the liquid crystal  
screen is arranged in the same plane as the a front surface of  
the optical waveguide, the front surface of the liquid crystal  
screen contacting the front surface of the optical waveguide to  
form therewith a continuous surface; and

the polarizing filter of the display is  
arranged in the same plane as the film of the dial assembly.

2. (previously presented) The display  
unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the liquid crystal screen of

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the display comprises a front panel arranged in a cutout in the dial plate.

3. (canceled)

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4. (previously presented) The display unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the film covers the dial plate and the display, comprises a scale in the region of the display, and serves as the polarizing filter.

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5. (previously presented) The display unit as claimed in claim 2, wherein the display is attached by bonding or clipping in the cutout in the dial plate.

6. (previously presented) The display unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the liquid crystal screen comprises a rear panel which is bonded to the back of the dial plate.

7. (previously presented) The display unit as claimed in claim 2, wherein the optical waveguide abuts an edge of the display; and

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wherein the front panel of the display is connected to the optical waveguide so as to form a single component.

8. (previously presented) The display unit as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a support element located at the back of the dial plate; and

wherein the front panel of the display is fastened on the support element.

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9. (previously presented) The display unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the dial plate and the display each have a light source to backlight them.

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10. (previously presented) The display unit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the dial plate comprises plastic.

11. (previously presented) A display unit, suitable for a vehicle, comprising:

a dial assembly and a display located in a region of the dial assembly, the display comprising a liquid crystal screen with a front polarizing filter located in front of

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a front surface of the liquid crystal screen facing an observer, the dial assembly comprising a dial plate and a film with dial markings located on a front surface of the dial plate facing the observer, wherein the polarizing filter of the display is arranged in the same plane as the film of the dial assembly, and

wherein, the front polarizing filter of the liquid crystal screen connects to the dial plate film so as to form a single component with a continuous surface, and there is an empty space behind the front polarizing filter.

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12. (previously presented) The display unit as claimed in claim 11, wherein said empty space serves as a lightproof channel.

13. (previously presented) The display unit as claimed in claim 12, further comprising a frame for holding components of the liquid crystal screen.

14. (previously presented) The display unit as claimed in claim 13, wherein the frame includes the lightproof channel.

15. (previously presented) The display unit as claimed in claim 13, wherein the frame is bonded or clipped into a support of the dial plate.

16. (currently amended) A display unit, suitable for a vehicle, comprising:

~~the front surface of the display, which faces an observer, is arranged in the same plane as a front surface of the dial assembly, which faces the observer, the front surface of the display contacting the front surface of the dial assembly to form therewith a continuous surface; and~~

~~wherein, in the contacting of the front surface of the display with the front surface of the dial assembly, the front polarizing filter of the liquid crystal screen is spaced apart from the liquid crystal screen to form therewith and with the frame an empty space behind the front polarizing filter, said empty space serving with the frame as a~~

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light proof channel for light incident from a side of the display  
to facilitate a reading of the display unit.

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